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1. At the past three United Nations Regional Cartographic Conferences for Asia and the Far East, it has been discussed the necessity of establishment of a regional training centre for surveying and mapping among the countries in the ECAFE region. Analysing the previous discussions, the followings will be pointed out:

   (a) Although the requirements were expressed for setting up a regional cartographic organization among the countries concerned, it was felt that it would be rather difficult to establish a big organization involving a huge amount of expenses and a large number of staff members.

   (b) Comparing the necessity of setting up a cartographic organization with a training centre for surveying and mapping, the latter would be much more important and desirable.

   (c) Although the urgent need of setting up a regional or sub-regional training centre will not be neglected, the national or domestic training centre of each country should be filled up in quality or in facilities and staffs.

2. It is needless to say that in order to accomplish speedy and promptly the economic and social developments, aerial photographs would be very helpful as a basic material. Therefore, almost all countries in the world have utilized aerial photographs for the planning of those developments. Unfortunately, however, extreme shortage of the specialists on aerial survey (both of photogrammetry and photo-interpretation) has been strongly pointed out by many countries. Even some of the advanced countries in this field feel it. In this respect, the training of specialists and instructors will be urgently required.

3. On the other hand, we know that not so small number of trainees have been sent to the specialized institutes or training centres for surveying and mapping. Unfortunately, however, it happens that many of them have frequently been promoted to higher ranks and sit down on arm-chair after coming back to their home countries in less developed areas. In such status, it would not be expected to train technicians or specialists by them. Foreign instructors are often invited for training particularly in these areas.

4. Considering such situations, we would like to propose as follows:

   (a) Sub-regional training centre should be set up by utilising the facilities of the domestic training centre and adding the sub-regional characteristics to it.

   (b) Such centre should be financially assisted by the United Nations.

   (c) The training centre should start with simpler field like photo-interpretation.

5. Realising the above items, necessary experts will be exchanged among the countries by the financial assistance of the United Nations. The equipments and the facilities of the domestic centre are commonly used to train the trainees from other countries.

6. Realising the idea of the United Nations, we have the pleasure to take part in such sub-regional training program for which we would like to expect the United Nations' assistance.

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